

Dear Michael Powell,

I am writing today to voice my concerns regarding a media corporation requiring its local stations to air a story about John Kerry and his service in Vietnam. The documentary is anti-Kerry.

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

I want to remind you that the air waves are owned by the people and designed to cover the news, not use this power to try and affect the outcome of an election.

The FCC should step in and not allow them to show this documentary based on the original design of the media. However, based on past rulings, it appears that the FCC has shown an alliance with media conglomerates more than the needs of the American people.

If they are allowed to show this documentary, then they should also be forced to show "Going Upriver" shortly after.

The actions of this media corporation and the actions of the FCC (or inaction) show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them.

I hope that you will hear the voice of the people of this country and serve them accordingly. Remember that you are in your position to serve us, not the media corporations who pay nothing for the air waves where they make their profits.

Thank you.